

Of these forty-three million working women, over eighteen million simultaneously perform the vitally important role of mother.

These women make substantial contributions both to the Nation's economic growth and to the increasing strength of the American family, often at great personal sacrifice. They deserve our recognition and gratitude.

Most other mothers are working full time in the home. Their work is no less important. The guidance they give their children and the maintenance of a strong and cohesive family unit also contribute to the Nation's economic growth.

*Ante*, p. 103.

By Senate Joint Resolution 53, the Congress of the United States has authorized and requested the President to designate September 5, 1982, as "Working Mothers' Day."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim September 5, 1982, as "Working Mothers' Day" and call upon families, individual citizens, labor and civic organizations, the media, and the business community to acknowledge the importance of the mothers who work inside or outside the home and to express appreciation for their role in American society.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 4th day of Aug. in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and seventh.

RONALD REAGAN

**Proclamation 4958 of August 13, 1982**

**Women's Equality Day, 1982**

*By the President of the United States of America*

*A Proclamation*

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On August 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution became law, granting women the right to vote. On this, the 62nd Anniversary of that historic day, we Americans can pause and take pride in the progress we have made toward the goal of equal opportunity.

We celebrate today not only the achievements of the past, but, also, our continued commitment to build an America in which all our citizens will share equally in the rights and responsibilities of our Nation.

In the intervening years since 1920, women have faithfully carried out responsibilities at all levels of government, in every area of employment and education, and in the nurturing of families and children.

Today, more than ever, we honor women for their contribution in helping to make America great. Let us help pledge anew to dedicate our efforts to ensure equality of opportunity for every citizen of the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim August 26, 1982, as Women's Equality Day. I call upon every American to join me in this tribute.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 13th day of Aug., in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and seventh.

RONALD REAGAN

**Proclamation 4959 of August 26, 1982**

**Nordic-America Week, 1982**

*By the President of the United States of America  
A Proclamation*

From the Viking voyages a millenium ago to the myriad Scandinavians who have come here in more recent times, the Nordic people have made an indelible contribution to the greatness that is America. Danes, Finns, Icelanders, Norwegians and Swedes landed on our East coast and went West, expanded our frontier, tamed the prairie and helped make America the great Nation it is today.

To give recognition to those Scandinavians who had a part in the making of America, a nation-wide series of events will begin in September, called "Scandinavia Today." These events will describe the Nordic gift to the American heritage and will underscore the achievements of those nations in science, art and government.

We have received much from Scandinavia: The Icelandic sagas are monuments of literature; Niels Bohr was a vital link in modern science; Jan Sibelius was one of the giants of music; and Edvard Munch gave the world the visual beauty of his art. They offered us much. Yet, for America, there is more still. The immigrants from Nordic countries infused us with their cultural and intellectual wealth and balanced their traditions with those of immigrants from other countries to help give America its enormous strength and unique resilience. It is fitting that we honor all of their contributions during this special week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate September five through September eleven, 1982, as Nordic-America Week.

I invite the people of the United States to honor these Nordic nations during that week by holding appropriate ceremonies throughout the land and in participating in the many events of the "Scandinavia Today" program through the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-sixth day of August, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and seventh.

RONALD REAGAN